

chief executive officer of the institution. ~~[The president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth must be a licensed physician who possesses a doctor of osteopathy degree from an accredited college of osteopathic medicine and must have been licensed to practice medicine in a state of the United States for at least five years.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 105.402, Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved May 29, 2017.

Effective May 29, 2017.

**FUNCTIONS AND TERRITORY OF THE UPPER COLORADO
RIVER AUTHORITY, FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION**

CHAPTER 269

H.B. No. 1921

AN ACT

relating to the functions and territory of the Upper Colorado River Authority, following the recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 8506.003, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8506.003. **TERRITORY.** Unless modified under Subchapter J, Chapter 49, Water Code, or other law, the authority's territory consists of that part of this state included in the boundaries of Coke, Concho, Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Taylor, and Tom Green Counties.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 8506, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8506.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 8506.0021. **APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT.** (a) *The authority is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), but may not be abolished under that chapter. The review shall be conducted under Section 325.025, Government Code, as if the authority were a state agency scheduled to be abolished September 1, 2029, and every 12th year after that year.*

(b) *The authority shall pay the cost incurred by the Sunset Advisory Commission in performing the review. The Sunset Advisory Commission shall determine the cost, and the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement from the Sunset Advisory Commission detailing the cost.*

SECTION 3. Section 8506.051, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) *Each director must be a resident of a county located in the authority's territory. The governor shall attempt to achieve geographic representation throughout [Three directors must be residents of Tom Green County, three directors must be residents of Coke County, and three directors must be residents of counties contiguous to the authority or a county any part of which is within 25 miles of] the authority in the appointment of directors.*

(d) The governor shall designate a member of the board as the presiding officer of the board to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

SECTION 4. Section 8506.056(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall select a secretary~~[-a presiding officer,]~~ and a treasurer. The treasurer may also hold the office of secretary.

SECTION 5. Subchapter B, Chapter 8506, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 8506.060, 8506.061, 8506.062, and 8506.063 to read as follows:

Sec. 8506.060. DIRECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) A person who is appointed to and qualifies for office as a director may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a director in attendance at a meeting of the board until the person completes a training program that complies with this section.

(b) The training program must provide the person with information regarding:

- (1) the law governing authority operations;*
- (2) the programs, functions, rules, and budget of the authority;*
- (3) the scope of and limitations on the rulemaking authority of the authority;*
- (4) the results of the most recent formal audit of the authority;*
- (5) the requirements of:*
 - (A) laws relating to open meetings, public information, administrative procedure, and disclosing conflicts of interest; and*
 - (B) other laws applicable to directors of a river authority in performing their duties; and*
- (6) any applicable ethics policies adopted by the authority or the Texas Ethics Commission.*

(c) A person appointed to the board is entitled to reimbursement by the authority for travel expenses incurred in attending the training program regardless of whether attendance at the program occurs before or after the person qualifies for office.

(d) The board shall create a training manual that includes the information required by Subsection (b). The board shall distribute a copy of the training manual annually to each director. On receipt of the training manual, each director shall sign and submit to the board a statement acknowledging receipt of the training manual.

Sec. 8506.061. SEPARATION OF POLICYMAKING AND MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS. The board shall develop and implement policies that clearly separate the policymaking responsibilities of the board and the management responsibilities of the general manager and staff of the authority.

Sec. 8506.062. NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. (a) The board shall develop a policy to encourage the use of:

- (1) negotiated rulemaking procedures under Chapter 2008, Government Code, for the adoption of authority rules; and*
- (2) appropriate alternative dispute resolution procedures under Chapter 2009, Government Code, to assist in the resolution of internal and external disputes under the authority's jurisdiction.*

(b) The authority's procedures relating to alternative dispute resolution must conform, to the extent possible, to any model guidelines issued by the State Office of Administrative Hearings for the use of alternative dispute resolution by state agencies.

(c) The authority shall:

- (1) coordinate the implementation of the policy adopted under Subsection (a);*
- (2) provide training as needed to implement the procedures for negotiated rulemaking or alternative dispute resolution; and*

(3) collect data concerning the effectiveness of those procedures.

Sec. 8506.063. PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY. The board shall develop and implement policies that provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to appear before the board and to speak on any agenda item at board meetings.

SECTION 6. Subchapter C, Chapter 8506, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8506.116 to read as follows:

Sec. 8506.116. COMPLAINTS. (a) The authority shall maintain a system to promptly and efficiently act on complaints filed with the authority. The authority shall maintain information about parties to the complaint, the subject matter of the complaint, a summary of the results of the review or investigation of the complaint, and its disposition.

(b) The authority shall make information available describing its procedures for complaint investigation and resolution.

(c) The authority shall periodically notify the complaint parties of the status of the complaint until final disposition.

SECTION 7. Section 1A, Chapter 126, General Laws, Acts of the 44th Legislature, Regular Session, 1935, is repealed.

SECTION 8. (a) Notwithstanding Section 8506.060(a), Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act, a person serving on the board of directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority may vote, deliberate, and be counted as a director in attendance at a meeting of the board until December 1, 2017.

(b) This section expires January 1, 2018.

SECTION 9. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2017: Yeas 142, Nays 2, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 29, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

LICENSING AND REGULATION OF CERTAIN MILITARY DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS WHO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY CHARITY DENTAL OR DENTAL HYGIENE CARE

CHAPTER 270

H.B. No. 2007

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of certain military dentists and dental hygienists who provide voluntary charity dental or dental hygiene care.